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NFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Indianapolis over New York Jets by 3

During the last 19 years, 73 percent of the Super Bowl winners had a bye in the first round of the postseason. The Jets are the lone team attempting to buck that trend this season. The Jets have bucked many things to even get this far needing to win their final two regular-season games. Their accomplishment in achieving that was somewhat tarnished by both the Colts and Bengals resting starters and not going all-out. The Bengals paid for their mistake in the wildcard round. The Jets finally earned their national due with a big road upset of San Diego. While we're not ready to chauffer Rex Ryan on a Super Bowl victory parade, the Jets have covered eight of the past 10 times they've been underdogs. They also are 7-1 ATS in their last eight games. Can their remarkable run continue? It could when you consider that all the pressure really is on Indianapolis. The Jets have been playing on house money and doing remarkably well with it. They are a loose bunch. Any team that ranks No. 1 in defense and in rushing like the Jets do is a dangerous foe. As great as Peyton Manning is – and he may very well be the greatest quarterback of all time – the Colts are just 8-8 in the playoffs during the Manning era. The Jets have the great cover cornerback in Darrelle Revis to keep Reggie Wayne in check. Manning has other weapons, though, primarily tight end Dallas Clark. Indy's running game leaves much to be desired, however, ranking last averaging less than 81 yards per game. Joseph Addai hasn't looked good all year. Manning is so talented that he can carry the attack without a ground attack. Ryan isn't afraid to gamble and blitz. Manning has such poise and quickness in his release that he could exploit single coverage if the Jets do decide to blitz. It's absolutely imperative for the Jets to keep Manning off the field. The key is that the Jets are built to do just that because they have a bruising rushing game featuring Thomas Jones and Shonn Greene running behind one of the best offensive lines in the game that features four first-round draft picks. The Jets churned out a league-best 2,756 yards rushing. The Colts are small and not overwhelming on defense. Their defense is more bend-but-not-break. Indianapolis ranked 24th in run defense, although those numbers are a tad bit skewed since the Colts yielded 450 yards on the ground during the last two weeks while resting starters. The Jets can pound this defense. Mark Sanchez hasn't played like the rookie he is down the stretch. He's executed New York's game plan well, has made clutch throws and most important has thrown just one interception in the last four games. The Colts have the edge pass rushers with Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis to bother Sanchez in obvious passing situations. So things could get ugly if the Jets fall too far behind. But that hasn't happened so far. Still, it's nearly impossible to reach the Super Bowl with a one-dimensional offense. Chances are Sanchez will have to make big plays in a tough road setting – this one being in a loud dome – for the Jets' amazing streak to continue. The Colts seemed on their way to a victory when they met the Jets in the second-to-last regular-season game, leading 15-10 at home in the third quarter. Colts coach Jim Caldwell then made the controversial decision to pull Manning and other key players. The Jets came back to win 29-15 costing Indianapolis its chance at an undefeated season. Now the Jets have the opportunity to prove they are indeed for real. There won't be any help this time for New York. INDIANAPOLIS 23-20.

Minnesota over *New Orleans by 3

The NFC playoffs were stacked with good teams this season, but in the end it's fitting that the two best offenses are still remaining. Both Minnesota and New Orleans are deserving finalists. The Saints scored an NFL-high 64 touchdowns, with the Vikings placing second. There's plenty of excitement in the New Orleans air as the Saints host their first-ever NFC championship game in their biggest game ever. With that comes pressure, though. Will the Saints wilt? New Orleans has failed to cover seven of the past 10 times when laying a field goal or more. Minnesota was devastating in the Metrodome going 9-0. The Vikings were just 4-4 on the road. But our nod goes to Minnesota. The Vikings and Brett Favre won't be intimidated on the road. They are used to playing on carpet inside a dome, where they are at their best. Favre had a remarkable 28-to-3 touchdown-to-interception ratio in 11 dome games this season. Drew Brees is a great quarterback, too. He has receiving weapons that can match Favre's with Marques Colston and all-purpose back Reggie Bush, who was at his dynamic best last week. The Vikings, however, have the better talent level with an NFL-best nine players named to the Pro Bowl. The Vikings also have the better pass rush headed by NFC sack-leader Jared Allen, are stronger versus the run and have the better ground attack spearheaded by Adrian Peterson. Minnesota has the steadier place-kicker, too, in reliable veteran Ryan Longwell. The key to the game is putting pressure on each quarterback since both Brees and Favre can pick apart any defense when given time to throw. The Vikings have several outstanding pass rushers, who are made quicker when playing on artificial turf. Will Smith is New Orleans' best pass rusher. That's about it since defensive end Charles Grant is out. The Saints' linebackers are mediocre at best and their secondary has been vulnerable although it has gotten healthier. Cornerbacks Jabari Greer and Tracy Porter did an excellent job controlling Larry Fitzgerald in the Saints' 45-14 dismantling of the Cardinals at home last Saturday. But these defenders aren't nearly good enough to contend with Minnesota's multi-dimensional offense. The Vikings had six players with 40 or more catches, just the second offense to accomplish that feat since 1983. Favre compiled his highest passer rating ever throwing to Sidney Rice, who enjoyed a breakout season into superstar status, Bernard Berrian, tight end Visanthe Shiancoe and all-purpose back Percy Harvin along with Chester Taylor out of the backfield. The Vikings' back seven is vulnerable to Brees, especially with middle linebacker E.J. Henderson out and cornerback Antoine Winfield not 100 percent. Unlike the Saints, though, the Vikings' front four is strong against the run and they have excellent pass rushers. Because of that, the Vikings will have the luxury of dropping seven players into coverage restricting Brees' options. The Saints, on the other hand, will have to blitz since their defensive line doesn't match Minnesota's. Favre can take advantage of this with his quick release, veteran savvy, running the always-dangerous Peterson on draw plays, hitting Harvin on quick short strikes, or flipping screen passes to Taylor. The Saints may have been the best team when they opened 13-0. They finished the regular-season playing lousy against Dallas and Tampa Bay and then resting their starters at Carolina in Week 17 to finish 13-3. So are the Saints as bad as they were during the last three weeks of the regular season, or as good as they looked last week. The answer lies in the middle and that won't be good enough to beat an excellent Minnesota team. MINNESOTA 27-24.

COMPU-MATCH . . . and other angles

	Pred. Score	Off Rank	Def Rank	T/o +/-		Pred. Score	Off Rank	Def Rank	T/o +/-
N.Y. JETS	23	20	1	1	MINNESOTA	27	13	6	6
INDIANAPOLIS	25	8	18	-1	NEW ORLEANS	33	1	25	2

2009-10 NBA SPREAD RECORDS

	Spread Record	Home Fav.	Home Dog	Score Home	Allow Home	Road Fav.	Road Dog	Score Road	Allow Road
ATLANTA	24-15	13-7	0-0	107.9	97.5	6-5	5-3	98.1	97.9
BOSTON	17-21	6-10	0-0	101.0	94.1	7-8	4-2	100.0	93.3
CHARLOTTE	23-15	9-4	4-3	97.8	90.5	0-1	10-7	89.3	95.1
CHICAGO	19-19	7-8	5-1	96.1	94.6	1-0	6-10	92.1	100.9
CLEVELAND	20-22	6-11	0-0	100.8	92.2	9-11	5-0	101.0	96.1
DALLAS	18-21	4-15	1-0	99.9	98.4	8-3	5-3	101.3	97.3
DENVER	18-21	10-9	1-0	112.9	102.6	4-9	3-3	100.8	100.8
DETROIT	18-21	6-6	4-3	91.9	93.8	1-0	7-12	92.5	100.1
GOLDEN ST	20-18	4-5	6-2	110.4	111.6	1-1	9-10	104.7	112.3
HOUSTON	21-19	7-5	4-1	103.8	100.6	3-4	7-9	98.3	100.2
INDIANA	17-23	6-5	3-6	100.3	100.8	2-0	6-12	98.4	107.4
LA CLIPPERS	19-20	6-4	5-6	94.7	95.5	0-1	8-9	97.9	103.6
LA LAKERS	19-21	14-11	0-0	106.0	94.8	4-7	1-3	99.7	99.5
MEMPHIS	23-16	8-4	5-2	103.2	99.0	1-1	9-9	104.2	108.3
MIAMI	19-20	6-10	3-2	96.2	94.1	1-1	9-7	98.3	101.8
MILWAUKEE	20-18	7-6	3-2	102.4	99.7	1-0	9-10	93.3	98.5
MINNESOTA	20-21	1-3	8-8	95.2	102.7	0-0	11-10	98.5	110.6
NEW JERSEY	13-26	0-2	6-11	90.0	101.2	0-1	7-12	90.2	102.6
NEW ORLEANS	19-20	5-7	5-1	99.6	96.7	1-3	8-9	97.9	103.2
NEW YORK	20-20	6-4	5-5	102.3	101.6	0-1	9-10	99.3	103.1
OKLAHOMA	24-16	9-6	2-4	99.2	95.1	2-1	11-5	98.3	97.1
ORLANDO	20-20	10-8	0-0	104.8	94.7	8-10	2-2	98.3	97.9
PHILADELPHIA	17-22	4-9	0-6	95.7	99.2	1-1	12-6	100.0	102.6
PHOENIX	22-19	10-8	1-0	113.8	105.1	5-5	6-6	105.7	109.1
PORTLAND	21-20	8-11	3-1	101.0	95.0	6-3	4-5	93.7	93.2
SACRAMENTO	22-17	7-2	4-8	106.4	105.7	0-2	11-5	97.9	104.7
SAN ANTONIO	20-19	12-10	1-0	104.6	95.0	6-4	1-5	96.1	96.2
TORONTO	19-21	7-3	3-5	103.8	101.3	1-1	8-12	103.3	108.5
UTAH	24-16	12-7	3-0	104.7	96.6	1-4	8-5	95.4	96.9
WASHINGTON	15-24	2-9	4-3	100.7	101.4	0-1	9-11	98.5	104.2

NFL CHAMPIONSHIPS (SUNDAY, JAN 24)

		Line	O/U
N.Y. JETS INDIANAPOLIS	12:00P 2:00C 3:00E	7½	41

		Line	O/U
MINNESOTA NEW ORLEANS	3:40P 5:40C 6:40E	4	53

NFL LOGS

INDIANAPOLIS-Artificial

OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE	O/U	RUSHES	PASS-COMP/ATT-YDS	SACKED	INT.	FUM.	YDS PEN	POS TIME
JACKSONVILLE	-6.5	L 14-12	45/U	31-71/26-114	28-38-294/14-28-114	1/1	1/0	1/0	17-24	34-26
at Miami (Mon)	-3	W 27-23	41/O	11-61/49-239	14-23-295/22-33-164	2/1	0/1	0/0	20-20	15-45
at Arizona	+3	W 31-10	49/U	31-126/12-24	24-35-379/32-54-299	0/4	1/2	0/1	69-35	32-28
SEATTLE	-10	W 34-17	43/O	22-78/19-49	31-41-353/33-45-230	0/5	1/0	0/2	48-45	29-31
at Tennessee	-3.5	W 31-9	44/U	23-58/21-90	36-44-309/19-35-155	0/1	1/1	1/1	48-89	34-26
at St. Louis	-14	W 42-6	45/O	26-156/30-155	23-34-235/14-26-117	0/3	0/2	0/0	51-73	31-29
SAN FRANCISCO	-13	L 18-14	45/U	21-61/18-113	32-49-349/19-32-182	3/4	0/1	0/1	38-50	34-26
HOUSTON	-7.5	L 20-17	50/U	18-72/26-81	34-51-306/32-43-301	2/2	2/2	0/0	40-103	25-35
NEW ENGLAND	-2	L 35-34	49/O	18-91/28-113	28-44-316/29-42-364	1/2	2/1	0/1	20-72	25-35
at Baltimore	-2	T 17-15	44/U	25-76/31-98	22-31-299/23-35-256	0/0	2/1	1/1	40-20	27-33
at Houston	-3	W 35-27	48/O	23-114/24-122	27-35-228/31-42-274	2/2	2/2	0/1	25-129	28-32
TENNESSEE	-6	W 27-17	46/U	27-88/33-142	24-37-270/24-43-233	0/1	0/1	1/1	40-50	27-33
DENVER	-6.5	W 28-16	44/T	28-92/30-95	20-42-220/29-41-262	0/3	3/1	0/0	20-65	29-31
at Jacksonville (Thur)	-3	W 35-31	43/O	23-61/34-139	23-30-308/23-40-206	0/2	1/1	0/0	40-22	25-35
NY JETS	-3.5	L 15-29	41/O	24-64/44-202	18-32-213/12-19-91	2/2	1/0	1/0	15-52	27-33
at Buffalo	+8	L 7-30	32/O	16-25/42-248	18-35-132/16-25-155	1/0	2/0	1/0	15-40	22-38

MINNESOTA-Artificial

OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE	O/U	RUSHES	PASS-COMP/ATT-YDS	SACKED	INT.	FUM.	YDS PEN	POS TIME
at Cleveland	-4	W 34-20	40/O	37-225/20-89	14-22-85/21-35-179	4/5	0/1	0/1	38-66	33-27
at Detroit	-10	W 27-13	45/U	25-112/34-129	24-28-153/18-30-136	3/2	0/2	1/1	43-45	29-31
SAN FRANCISCO	-7	L 27-24	39/O	27-94/26-58	24-46-283/15-25-188	2/1	1/1	0/0	52-60	32-28
GREEN BAY (Mon)	-4.5	W 30-23	46/O	30-63/17-82	24-32-271/26-37-342	5/2	0/1	1/1	10-57	32-28
at St Louis	-11	W 38-10	41/O	24-89/30-122	21-27-288/27-38-278	2/2	1/1	0/3	44-82	27-33
BALTIMORE	-3	L 33-31	45/O	31-167/18-81	21-29-259/28-43-367	3/3	0/0	0/0	15-74	35-25
at Pittsburgh	+6	L 17-27	46/U	23-89/20-106	34-51-297/14-26-153	4/3	1/0	1/1	78-15	37-23
at Green Bay	+3	W 38-26	47/O	32-111/19-90	17-28-244/27-42-261	0/6	0/0	2/0	29-45	27-33
DETROIT	-17	T 27-10	47/U	31-152/22-93	20-31-340/29-51-204	1/3	0/0	2/1	91-40	31-29
SEATTLE	-10.5	W 35-9	47/U	37-160/12-4	28-33-271/19-29-208	2/2	0/1	0/1	31-64	42-18
CHICAGO	-10	W 36-10	47/U	34-159/11-43	32-48-378/18-23-126	1/4	0/2	1/1	70-44	41-19
at Arizona	-3.5	L 17-30	48/U	20-62/25-113	30-45-253/22-32-285	3/0	2/0	0/1	48-50	31-29
CINCINNATI	-6	W 30-10	42/U	37-142/24-119	17-30-180/16-28-91	2/1	1/0	0/1	69-85	32-28
at Carolina	-8.5	L 7-26	43/U	14-41/40-124	17-27-196/21-33-273	4/2	1/0	1/0	45-49	22-38
at Chicago (Sat)	-8.5	L 30-36	41/O	33-123/28-105	26-40-300/20-35-258	3/2	0/1	2/0	47-31	36-29
NY GIANTS	-8	W 44-7	48/O	32-129/12-35	29-37-358/20-28-146	0/3	0/1	0/1	45-95	37-23

NEW YORK JETS-Natural

OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE	O/U	RUSHES	PASS-COMP/ATT-YDS	SACKED	INT.	FUM.	YDS PEN	POS TIME
at Houston	+4.5	W 24-7	44/O	42-190/13-38	18-31-272/18-33-145	0/2	1/1	0/1	80-37	39-21
NEW ENGLAND	+3.5	W 16-9	45/U	31-117/20-83	14-22-137/23-47-216	2/0	0/1	1/0	55-89	29-31
TENNESSEE	-1	W 24-17	36/U	31-83/30-127	17-30-146/15-37-159	3/2	1/2	1/2	25-15	33-27
at New Orleans	+7.5	L 10-24	47/U	27-132/32-153	14-27-112/20-32-190	4/0	3/0	1/1	21-70	27-33
at MIami (Mon)	-3	L 27-31	37/O	38-138/36-151	12-241-171/21-28-262	1/0	0/0	0/0	56-112	26-34
BUFFALO	-9.5	L 13-16	36/U	40-318/42-142	10-30-96/15-30-154	2/1	6/1	0/1	96-64	33-39
at Oakland	-6	W 38-0	34/O	54-316/19-119	9-15-131/16-30-144	1/3	0/2	0/2	8-24	36-24
MIAMI	-3.5	L 25-30	40/O	40-127/23-52	20-35-251/12-22-52	2/6	0/0	1/1	40-25	34-26
JACKSONVILLE	-7	L 22-24	41/O	29-110/32-139	16-31-212/16-26-208	0/2	2/0	1/1	26-40	29-31
at New England	+11	L 14-31	46/U	26-104/35-111	8-21-122/28-41-299	2/2	4/0	1/1	28-51	20-40
CAROLINA	-3	W 17-6	42/U	39-139/25-75	13-18-144/14-34-104	3/3	1/4	2/0	24-30	33-27
Buffalo (Thur at Tor)	-3.5	W 19-13	37/U	43-249/24-123	8-17-82/9-23-71	5/3	0/1	0/1	18-5	35-25
at Tampa Bay	-3.5	W 26-3	36/U	42-175/20-43	13-24-135/14-33-81	1/3	0/3	1/0	63-34	34-26
ATLANTA	-5	L 7-10	36/U	33-99/28-86	18-32-215/16-34-152	2/0	3/0	0/0	65-25	31-29
at Indianapolis	+3.5	W 29-15	41/O	44-202/24-64	12-19-91/18-32-213	2/2	0/1	0/1	52-15	33-27
CINCINNATI	-10	W 37-0	37/O	57-257/18-72	8-16-63/4-19-0	0/3	0/1	0/2	20-44	41-19

NEW ORLEANS-Artificial

OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE	O/U	RUSHES	PASS-COMP/ATT-YDS	SACKED	INT.	FUM.	YDS PEN	POS TIME
DETROIT	-14	W 45-27	49/O	35-157/20-33	26-34-358/16-37-198	0/1	1/3	2/0	36-80	37-23
at Philadelphia	-2.5	W 48-22	46/O	29-133/21-85	25-34-288/31-52-378	2/2	1/3	0/1	13-45	31-29
at Buffalo	-5.5	W 27-7	51/U	38-222/21-89	16-29-156/21-36-154	2/4	0/1	1/1	97-116	34-26
NY JETS	-7.5	W 24-10	47/U	32-153/27-132	20-32-190/14-27-112	0/4	0/3	1/1	70-21	33-27
NY GIANTS	-3	W 48-27	48/O	39-133/19-84	23-30-360/18-36-241	1/2	0/1	0/1	52-110	36-24
at Miami	-6.5	W 46-34	48/O	27-138/30-137	22-38-276/18-37-197	5/2	3/2	1/1	25-55	33-27
at Atlanta (Mon)	-11	L 35-27	55/O	35-146/24-161	25-33-291/19-42-281	2/3	1/3	3/0	65-25	33-27
CAROLINA	-11.5	L 30-20	51/U	23-84/39-182	24-35-330/17-30-189	1/2	1/0	1/3	55-37	28-32
at St Louis	-14	L 28-23	51/T	29-203/29-141	18-26-217/26-40-293	1/2	2/1	0/0	40-20	28-32
at Tampa Bay	-10.5	W 38-7	51/U	36-183/23-119	19-29-187/17-33-100	0/3	0/3	0/1	55-18	32-28
NEW ENGLAND (Mon)	-2	W 38-17	57/U	26-113/28-122	18-23-367/23-40-244	1/2	0/2	1/1	36-0	27-33
at Washington	-9	L 33-30	47/O	24-55/25-88	35-49-408/30-42-367	1/0	1/1	0/3	102-15	35-31
at Atlanta	-10	L 26-23	50/U	26-95/21-89	31-41-296/23-34-303	0/1	0/1	0/0	59-55	37-23
DALLAS (Sat)	-7.5	L 17-24	53/U	13-65/36-145	29-45-271/22-34-294	4/3	1/0	2/0	30-49	24-36
TAMPA BAY	-14	L 17-20	49/U	23-124/34-176	32-37-249/21-31-263	1/3	0/2	1/0	14-42	31-36
at Carolina	+10	L 10-23	41/O	32-111/37-178	15-29-102/14-23-149	0/2	1/0	2/0	35-29	29-31

NBA

Thursday, January 21

*Cleveland over Los Angeles Lakers by 5

The Cavaliers and Lakers are vying for best overall record. The big difference is the Lakers have played eight more home contests. Cleveland has won 16 of its last 20 games, going 13-6-1 ATS the last 20 times it has faced a foe with a winning record. LeBron James entered the middle of the month averaging 34.4 points, 8.1 rebounds and nine assists in his last seven games. CLEVELAND 101-96.

*Denver over Los Angeles Clippers by 10

By the time of this matchup, the Clippers might already have reached 19 wins, which is the number of games they won all of last season. The Nuggets, though, are finally healthy with the exception of backup point guard Ty Lawson. DENVER 105-95.

Friday, January 22

*Washington over Miami by 1

At some point the Wizards have to get past the sorry Gilbert Arenas mess and start playing up to their potential. The Wizards have dropped nine of their last 12 through Jan. 17 going 4-7-1 ATS. Washington possesses talent with Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler. WASHINGTON 102-101.

*Orlando over Sacramento by 7

Until Dwight Howard, Rashard Lewis, Jameer Nelson and Vince Carter play together more, we wouldn't back Orlando as big chalk. The four had only played together in 11 of the Magic's first 41 games. ORLANDO 106-99.

*Toronto over Milwaukee by 8

The teams just met Wednesday at the Bradley Center. That was Milwaukee's lone home game following six games on the road. Now the Bucks are back traveling and encountering matchup problems against Chris Bosh and an improved Andrea Bargnani. TORONTO 109-101.

Dallas over *Philadelphia by 3

The Mavericks have been moneymakers on the road covering 13 of their first 19 away matchups, but this is their fourth road game in six days. The 76ers' backcourt has gotten healthy and Samuel Dalembert is playing his most consistent ball. The 7-footer was averaging 11.6 points, 11.6 rebounds and three blocks per game during the first 2 _ weeks of this month. DALLAS 103-100.

*Boston over Portland by 9

The Trail Blazers' backcourt has been shored up with the return of Steve Blake and Rudy Fernandez, but they are still missing Nicholas Batum, Travis Outlaw along with centers Greg Oden and Joel Przybilla, both out for the season. That quartet averaged more than 90 minutes for Portland last season. The Trail Blazers can't compete on the road versus elite teams with Juwan Howard forced into major minutes and Brandon Roy (check status) not at 100 percent. BOSTON 100-91.

*Atlanta over Charlotte by 12

The Hawks were averaging 108.2 points through their first 19 home contests. Stephen Jackson has made the Bobcats far more respectable on the offensive end, but Charlotte had dropped 15 of its first 18 road contests. Atlanta was 7-3 ATS in its last 10 games at Philips Arena through Jan. 17. ATLANTA 106-94.

*****BEST BET**

*Memphis over Oklahoma City by 13

These are two of the most improved teams in the NBA. Memphis should be rested having been on the road once since Jan. 9. The Grizzlies have a strong revenge motive after the Thunder beat them at home 102-94 on Dec. 11. The Grizzlies made just 4-of-18 shots from beyond the arc in that matchup and shot a miserable 58 percent from the foul line. Oklahoma City is playing its third road game in five days and is at Cleveland on Saturday. MEMPHIS 110-97.

Los Angeles Lakers over *New York by 6

The Knicks have turned respectable winning 13 of their first 22 games since the start of December. But the Knicks can't match Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol and also have match up problems in the middle against Andrew Bynum. The Lakers may be in a let-down spot depending on how they fare the night before versus Cleveland. LA LAKERS 113-107.

*Detroit over Indiana by 3

The Pacers are seldom a bargain on the road, where they've failed to cover 12 of their first 19. The Pistons, though, have been a complete train wreck. Multiple injuries, overmatched coaching and bad chemistry make them nearly impossible to back. DETROIT 106-103.

*****BEST BET**

New Orleans over *Minnesota by 14

After a slow start, the Hornets have gotten hot going 8-2 SU through Jan. 17. Chris Paul and David West are going to get their points, but lately Emeka Okafor and Peja Stojakovic have stepped up to complement them. New Orleans has been playing much better defense surrendering less than 96 points per game during their last eight games going into the third weekend of the month. NEW ORLEANS 107-93.

*****BEST BET**

Houston over *San Antonio by 5

The well-rested Rockets have been idle since Monday. This is their only road matchup in an 11-game span. The Rockets are battle-tested, while the Spurs have played the easiest schedule in the league. Underrated Aaron Brooks could hold an edge at point guard against Tony Parker, who is playing through plantar fasciitis in his left foot. HOUSTON 97-92.

*Phoenix over Chicago by 10

Just when it looked like Vinny Del Negro would be out as coach, the Bulls have begun to play better. This is Chicago's third road matchup in five days. PHOENIX 110-100.

*Golden State over New Jersey by 6

The Nets have gotten healthier, while the Warriors remained banged-up especially in the front-court. But Golden State still has too much firepower for the Nets, who ranked last in offense averaging less than 90 points. Golden State was scoring 17 points more per game than New Jersey. Corey Maggette was averaging better than 25 points for the Warriors in his last 12 games going into the third weekend of the month. GOLDEN STATE 112-106.

Saturday, January 23

*****BEST BET**

*Charlotte over Orlando by 7

Charlotte had scored exactly as many points as it had allowed through 36 games. However, the Bobcats outscored their opponents by an average of 5.8 points at home in winning 15 of their first 19 home matchups. Vince Carter was shooting a career-low 39.2 percent from the floor. It's probably no coincidence that the scoring averages of Dwight Howard, Rashard Lewis and Jameer Nelson are all down, too. Orlando's road play has slipped noticeably. The Magic had lost eight of their last 10 road contests through Jan. 17. CHARLOTTE 98-91.

*Indiana over Philadelphia by 4

Don't be surprised if the Pacers make a move now that Danny Granger, Troy Murphy and Mike Dunleavy are healthy and have had time to get in sync with each other. Indiana has won and covered in four of its last five home games knocking off Orlando, a hot Toronto club and Phoenix during this span. The problem for the Pacers is this is their fourth game in five nights and first following a three-game road trip that concluded last night. INDIANA 108-104.

*Miami over Sacramento by 6

Kevin Martin should have the rust knocked off after missing 32 games. The Kings, however, are going to have weary legs and serious fatigue issues as this is their sixth road game in nine days. Miami, though, is playing for the fourth time in five days. MIAMI 103-97.

*Detroit over Portland by 1

Both teams have been battered by injuries. Detroit was 4-7 ATS in the second of back-to-back matchups. DETROIT 93-92.

*Cleveland over Oklahoma City by 9

It was no contest last month when the Cavaliers visited Oklahoma City. LeBron James scored 44 and Cleveland won, 102-89, as 3 _-point favorites. Kevin Durant scored 29, but his teammates couldn't stop James, who sank 16-of-29 shots from the floor. CLEVELAND 103-94.

*Houston over Chicago by 7

The Rockets have protected their home turf well winning eight of the past nine times at the Toyota Center, going 7-2 ATS. Chicago is playing its fourth road opponent in six days. HOUSTON 99-92.

*****BEST BET**

Minnesota over *Milwaukee by 6

Al Jefferson is averaging 22.3 points in his last six games heading into the middle of the month. The Timberwolves have proven to be profitable as a road 'dog going 30-12-1 ATS when facing a foe with a winning home mark. The Timberwolves also are 13-4 ATS when getting five-to-10 points on the road if the line should get that high in this matchup. Milwaukee is back to relying on rookie Brandon Jennings to provide heavy backcourt scoring with Michael Redd out for the season. Jennings had a great first month, but hasn't been near as effective since then. MINNESOTA 101-95.

*Denver over New Orleans by 8

Bit of a revenge spot for Denver. The Nuggets fell to the Hornets 98-92 on the road around five weeks ago minus Chauncey Billups. The Hornets are much better to back when they are home. This is New Orleans' sixth game in nine days. The high altitude might do in the Hornets. DENVER 106-98.

NBA

*Phoenix over Golden State by 7
The teams put up 259 points when they last met on Dec. 26 with the Warriors winning 132-127 at home. Golden State was 8-3 ATS in its last 11 games through Jan. 17. PHOENIX 122-115.

*Utah over New Jersey by 10
The Jazz haven't been good as big chalk failing to cover 10 of the past 16 times it has been favored by 7 _ or more points. Deron Williams has been dealing with a sore wrist. UTAH 102-92.

Sunday, January 24

*Washington over Los Angeles Clippers by 2
The Clippers were 8-2 ATS in their last 10 games through Jan. 17. The Wizards have put new meaning into the position, shooting guard. WASHINGTON 103-101.

Dallas over *New York by 2
Dallas had failed to cover eight of the last nine times it has been favored through Jan. 16. The Knicks have held their opponents to less than 100 points in 15 of their last 20 games through Jan. 17. DALLAS 99-97.

Los Angeles Lakers over *Toronto by 3
This marks the third of a season-high eight-game road swing for LA. They began their trip having lost four road games in a row. Kobe Bryant has been less than 100 percent because of two injured fingers on his shooting hand. LA LAKERS 111-108.

Monday, January 25

*Philadelphia over Indiana by 4
This is a rematch from Saturday. The 76ers are following their usual pattern of starting slow and then regrouping during January and February in order to sneak into the playoffs. The Pacers have gone over in eight of their last 11 through Jan. 18. PHILADELPHIA 112-108.

Cleveland over *Miami by 6
A LeBron James versus Dwayne Wade matchup is always entertaining. James is the league's likely MVP again, but Wade went into the third weekend of this month averaging 30.4 points and shooting 51.2 percent from the floor in his last eight games despite a sore wrist. CLEVELAND 103-97.

*Boston over Los Angeles Clippers by 8
The Clippers have been without Chris Kaman (check status), who has a sore back. The Celtics had the weekend off and won't play again until Thursday but are hard to support considering they are 3-9 ATS in their last 12 home contests through Jan. 17 and have failed to cover six of the past eight times when meeting foes with a losing record through Jan. 19. BOSTON 100-92.

****PREFERRED**

*Memphis over Orlando by 7
Maybe the world is coming to an end because it's time to take the Grizzlies serious. Since a 1-8 beginning, Memphis has posted the seventh-best record. The Grizzlies have won eight in a row at home and were 17-6-1 ATS at FedEX Forum through Jan. 17. It's not a fluke as Rudy Gay and Marc Gasol are outstanding talents and veteran Zach Randolph is one of just three players in the league to average 20 points and 10 rebounds along with Chris Bosh and Tim Duncan. The Magic haven't been playing well on the road and this marks its third game in four nights. MEMPHIS 109-102.

*San Antonio over Chicago by 6
The Bulls have been getting better ball movement and the result has been an 8-1 ATS mark heading into their current seven-game road swing. Chicago entered their long trip having scored at least 100 points in five of its last nine games. SAN ANTONIO 102-100.

Atlanta over *Houston by 4
Through 39 games, the Hawks owned the best pointspread mark in the NBA at 26-13 (66 percent). ATLANTA 104-100.

****PREFERRED**

*Utah over Phoenix by 10
The Suns have endured a disappointing January so far, failing to cover four of their first six games this month. Phoenix is going through a lethargic period losing 14 of their past 24 games after opening the season 14-3. The Jazz ranked No. 1 in assists and third in points in the paint through the middle of the month. Carlos Boozer can take advantage of Phoenix's lack of frontcourt defense. UTAH 120-110.

*Denver over Charlotte by 10
Denver has won 17 of its first 20 games at the Pepsi Center. The Nuggets were ranked No. 3 in scoring at 107 points per game while yielding 97.5 points during their past four games through Jan. 16. DENVER 107-97.

*Portland over New Orleans by 5
The Hornets were 18-35 ATS as a road 'dog through Jan. 21. Despite losing defensive-minded centers Greg Oden and Joel Przybilla, Portland still ranked No. 3 defensively through the middle of the month holding foes to 94.2 points per contest. PORTLAND 99-94.

Tuesday, January 26

Los Angeles Lakers over *Washington by 6
Now that Pau Gasol is over his hamstring injury, the Lakers are back to being the top team again. However, this marks their fourth road contest in six days. LA LAKERS 113-107.

*New York over Minnesota by 7
Kurt Rambis has yet to make an impression on his Timberwolves squad, which had allowed an average of 113.8 points per contest during their past 10 games through Jan. 17. NEW YORK 116-109.

*Dallas over Milwaukee by 7
Dallas' defense has slipped giving up 106 points per game during its past six matchups through Jan. 16. The Bucks had covered in 11 of their first 14 games when they didn't have injured Michael Redd, who made just 35.2 percent of his shots from the floor before going down for the season. DALLAS 107-100.

*Phoenix over Charlotte by 9
The Suns are 6-3-1 ATS in their last 10 meetings versus the Bobcats, but were blown out by 26 points when the teams met 10 days ago. PHOENIX 108-99.

****PREFERRED**

*Sacramento over Golden State by 11
Monta Ellis is having a sensation season, but still commits a lot of turnovers and the Warriors ranked a distant last defensively surrendering 112 points a game. Because of multiple injuries, Warriors coach Don Nelson has been forced to dole out major minutes to unsung players such as Cartier Martin. The Kings have an underrated backcourt with Kevin Martin, Tyreke Evans, the possible Rookie of the Year, and Beno Udrih. SACRAMENTO 123-112.

Wednesday, January 27

Miami over *Toronto by 1
Miami has won straight-up seven times as a road 'dog. MIAMI 107-106.

****PREFERRED**

*Indiana over Los Angeles Lakers by 3
The Lakers had failed to cover 10 of their first 15 road contests and are playing their fifth consecutive away game. INDIANA 108-105.

*Cleveland over Minnesota by 13
The Cavaliers were 2-8 ATS the past 10 times they've been a double-digit favorite. CLEVELAND 104-91.

****PREFERRED**

Los Angeles Clippers over *New Jersey by 10
There is simply no home-court advantage for the Nets having lost 17 of their first 19 home contests with 15 of those defeats occurring by more than three points. LA CLIPPERS 102-92.

Memphis over *Detroit by 2
The Pistons were 4-12 ATS in their last 16 games through Jan. 17. MEMPHIS 98-96.

*Oklahoma City over Chicago by 8
The Bulls are playing their sixth road game in 10 days. OKLAHOMA CITY 100-92.

*Milwaukee over Philadelphia by 2
The 76ers have held their last four foes to 91.2 points per game through Jan. 17. MILWAUKEE 93-91.

*San Antonio over Atlanta by 2
The Spurs won 19 of their first 21 games versus teams with a losing record, but have struggled when stepping up in caliber. SAN ANTONIO 95-93.

*Houston over Denver by 4
The Rockets were 11-6 ATS during their first 17 games at the Toyota Center. HOUSTON 106-102.

*Portland over Utah by 5
This is Utah's lone road contest during a seven-game stretch. Portland had gone over in nine of their last 11 through Jan. 17. PORTLAND 113-108.

*Golden State over New Orleans by 3
This marks the Hornets' fourth road game in six days. GOLDEN STATE 116-113.

2009-10 NBA ROADTRIP FATIGUE LOG

This is the ultimate log for NBA handicappers who emphasize fatigue on extended road trips, as well as the "high" of returning home.

	Road Game 1	Road Game 2	Road Game 3	Road Game 4+	1st Home After Road Trip	Home Fav. 4 or less	Home Fav. 4.5-9.5	Home Fav. 10 or more	Home Dog 4 or less	Home Dog 4.5-9.5	Home Dog 10 or more	Road Fav. 4 or less	Road Fav. 4.5-9.5	Road Fav. 10 or more	Road Dog 4 or less	Road Dog 4.5-9.5	Road Dog 10 or more
ATLANTA	5-5	4-1	1-1	1-1	6-4	3-2	6-2	4-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	5-3	0-0	0-2	4-1	0-0
BOSTON	6-4	2-3	2-2	1-1	3-7	1-0	1-4	4-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	3-5	0-3	2-1	2-1	0-0
CHARLOTTE	6-7	3-0	1-1	0-0	6-7	5-1	4-3	0-0	3-3	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-2	3-1
CHICAGO	6-5	1-2	0-1	1-2	5-5	2-1	5-7	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-5	1-4
CLEVELAND	6-5	5-3	2-2	1-2	2-8	0-0	3-3	3-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	6-6	1-1	4-0	1-0	0-0
DALLAS	7-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	3-6	1-0	3-12	0-3	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	0-0
DENVER	4-5	3-1	0-2	0-4	3-6	2-0	5-4	3-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-7	4-2	0-0	1-3	2-0	0-0
DETROIT	4-8	3-2	1-1	0-1	5-7	4-3	2-3	0-0	1-0	3-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-8	2-2
GOLDEN ST	2-6	3-2	2-1	3-2	6-2	1-3	3-2	0-0	2-0	4-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-5	5-2
HOUSTON	4-7	5-3	0-3	1-0	8-3	1-2	6-2	0-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	5-6	0-0
INDIANA	5-7	3-3	0-1	0-1	4-8	4-4	2-1	0-0	0-4	1-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-5	3-7	3-0
LA CLIPPERS	6-3	1-3	1-2	0-3	6-2	6-2	0-2	0-0	1-3	4-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-5	1-2
LA LAKERS	2-5	1-4	0-1	2-0	4-3	0-0	9-3	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3-3	1-1	0-3	1-0	0-0
MEMPHIS	6-3	2-1	1-2	1-4	5-4	1-2	7-2	0-0	2-1	3-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-5	2-2
MIAMI	6-2	0-4	1-1	3-1	3-4	2-3	4-5	0-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	4-3	3-4	1-0
MILWAUKEE	8-3	2-3	0-2	1-2	5-4	5-3	2-3	0-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-2	3-5	1-2
MINNESOTA	6-8	3-2	2-0	0-1	6-6	1-3	0-0	0-0	5-0	2-6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	4-5	6-4
NEW JERSEY	1-9	4-2	2-1	0-1	1-9	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-6	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-4	5-5
NEW ORLEANS	5-8	4-3	0-1	0-0	6-6	3-0	2-4	0-3	3-1	2-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-4	3-1
NEW YORK	4-6	2-5	3-1	0-0	5-3	3-3	3-1	0-0	2-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-5	2-4	4-1
OKLAHOMA	6-5	5-1	2-0	0-0	5-6	2-3	7-3	0-0	0-4	2-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	3-2	6-1	2-2
ORLANDO	5-4	4-3	1-4	0-1	4-4	1-1	3-4	6-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	5-6	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0
PHILADELPHIA	6-4	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-8	2-5	2-3	0-1	0-2	0-4	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-3	3-2	5-1
PHOENIX	5-6	3-2	1-2	2-1	8-2	2-1	4-5	4-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	1-3	0-0	2-2	2-4	1-0
PORTLAND	1-6	4-0	3-0	2-2	2-5	3-1	3-7	2-3	2-0	1-1	0-0	4-2	2-1	0-0	0-3	2-2	2-0
SACRAMENTO	6-4	4-1	1-2	0-0	5-4	6-2	1-0	0-0	3-4	1-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-2	7-1
SAN ANTONIO	5-4	1-4	1-1	0-0	4-4	2-2	6-3	4-5	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	3-0	0-0	1-5	0-0	0-0
TORONTO	4-7	4-3	1-2	0-1	5-5	3-0	4-3	0-0	2-4	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	4-4	3-6	0-2
UTAH	3-6	2-2	2-0	2-1	7-2	2-0	8-5	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	0-0	3-0	2-3	1-2
WASHINGTON	7-6	2-4	1-1	0-1	5-7	1-7	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-4	6-4	1-3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 21

Louisville over Seton Hall* by 4

The time to be on Seton Hall is...past? Over the total looks interesting. LOUISVILLE, 87-83.

Penn State* over Indiana by 8

The Hoosiers might be able to maintain contact with a Big Ten also-ran like this ragtag Penn State bunch, but until you see a donkey flying around, don't expect Indiana to be recommended for an investment. PENN STATE, 68-60.

Florida Atlantic* over Arkansas-LR by 3

FAU is doing a fine job of scoring despite a team shooting percentage barely above 41% from the field. UALR isn't good enough to trust in any one area but once the number starts swinging into two-bucket favoritism on young FAU, they should probably be faded from exposure. FLORIDA ATLANTIC, 70-67.

UL-Monroe* over Middle Tennessee by 6

The only place to ever consider Monroe is home (0-9 SU start on the road). Middle Tennessee -- nice job of losing outright as -14 chalk vs. 6-14 SU Isiah Thomas. Who does that and gets to keep attending college for free? UL-MONROE, 67-61.

Arkansas State over Florida International* by 5

The home side shoots only 26.5% from three-point range and the visitor hasn't missed guard Daniel Bryant. With his negative assist-to-turnover ratio and only 60.5% shooting from the foul line, why would they? ARKANSAS STATE, 60-55.

North Texas* over South Alabama by 7

6-7 senior forward Eric Tramiel returned following a four-game injury absence recently for North Texas and netted his 11-point average in only 18 minutes (he normally plays 28). South Alabama coach Arrow is making injury excuses recently. NORTH TEXAS, 72-65.

Western Kentucky over Troy* by 4
UL-Lafayette* over New Orleans 8
Valparaiso over Illinois-Chicago* by 1

Senior forward Jeremy Buttell has stepped from out of the shadows to add some scoring punch to the listless IUC team but this is a 4.5 ppg scorer, so how much longer will that last? VALPARAISO, 58-57.

Butler over Loyola-Chicago* by 11
Gonzaga* over Pepperdine by 30
***Arkansas over Florida by 5**

Razorbacks are thinking, 'We would like to kick your butts for a pair of 15-point losses last season that weren't played here.' ARKANSAS, 79-74.

Stanford* over Oregon State by 8
Portland* over Loyola Marymount by 6
Louisiana Tech over San Jose State* by 5
Utah State over Fresno State* by 1
Pacific* over CS Fullerton by 11
Cal Riverside over Cal Poly-SLO* by 7
Long Beach State over Cal-Irvine* by 5

****PREFERRED**

USC* over Washington State by 12

Mr. Bone's road team is not lookin' so hot lately and the Trojan muscle should bump his wispy kids around and keep them scratching their heads. Opposing Pac 10 teams want to know, 'Where's the beef?,' and 'You got anyone other than the Thompson kid that can score?' USC, 76-64.

Washington over UCLA* by 3

Washington's problems in the zone offense have been discussed here and UCLA has been playing some zone, which is uncharacteristic for Ben Howland. But they haven't been playing it long enough to trust. WASHINGTON, 61-58.

St. Mary's* over San Diego by 21

USD shows up with a ton of bricks in tow. ST. MARY'S, 71-50.

Hawaii* over New Mexico State by 1

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Friday, January 22

Youngstown State* over Wisconsin-Milwaukee by 2
Yale over Brown* by 3

Yale let Brown get over on them in New Haven last Friday night when Brown used injured players as decoys. "Offensively, we had a lot of open shots, and we didn't knock them down," duped coach Jones said. Here's the dupees' chance to get even. YALE, 67-64.

Cleveland State* over Wisconsin-GB by 1

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Saturday, January 23

Minnesota* over Michigan State by 6

"It's not going to get any easier," said MSU boss Izzo after the recent 60-53 home win over the Tubsters. Tubby will be rubbing his kids' noses in the fact that they only attempted 7 free throws in that loss. MINNESOTA, 65-59.

Villanova over St. John's* by 8

Anyone in the habit of playing St. John's against good, quick foes that know how to score is not a happy person. VILLANOVA, 76-68.

Georgetown* over Rutgers by 19

Rutgers' head coach Fred "Beleaguered" Hill keeps talking in vague terms about his "vision" for the program and nobody can see what he's talking about. GEORGETOWN, 76-57.

Drexel* over Hofstra by 2

Bruiser knows he can press Hofstra into turnovers and the more tape that exists of Hofstra's freshmen guard Williams and forward Kanacevic playing way too many minutes, the less effective the team will be, especially on the road. DREXEL, 49-47.

Kent State* over Akron by 2
Mississippi State over Alabama* by 2

The visiting Stansburys conducted many non-conference burials but since SEC play started, you'll note wins by 5, 2 and 3 points, which followed the non-conference finale, a 3-point loss at a good team, Western Kentucky. Reality hits. MISSISSIPPI STATE, 69-67.

Western Kentucky* over Middle Tennessee by 19
Temple over Fordham* by 25
Texas A&M* over Colorado by 18

Let Colorado prove the have the guts to keep it together for two halves on the road before you get suckered onto the big number simply for the sake of the number. TEXAS A&M, 89-72.

Virginia Tech* over Boston College by 11

BC has been incredibly lame-o for shame-o but V-Tech has always had a nasty habit of playing to the level of competition. VIRGINIA TECH, 80-69.

*****BEST BET**

Vanderbilt* over Auburn by 29

Made to order foe for Vandy -- small, won't push 'em around, won't look to score much in the paint, and won't offer much resistance to Vandy's big guards when they look to go to the rim off the dribble. Plenty of open looks for Vandy's forwards who play like guards against opponents like this, and like girls against more physical foes. VANDERBILT, 92-63.

Mississippi over LSU* by 6

LSU is loaded...with horrible shooters. MISSISSIPPI, 71-65.

California* over Oregon State by 11

The Cal boobs managed to lose twice to OSU last season so let Jerome "Overrated" Randle prove he can perform well enough vs. the aggressive zone before laying points in this match-up. CALIFORNIA, 71-60.

Kansas over Iowa State* by 15
Notre Dame* over DePaul by 21
LaSalle* over NC Charlotte by 3
Syracuse* over Marquette by 14
VCU over Northeastern* by 2

Both teams are longer than you think and neither has a guard that can attack the rim and finish in this kind of match-up. NU needs to get 6'7" guard Janning shooting over little Frankie Rodriguez of VCU, but F-Rod and his buddies have oh-so quick hands on defense. Under the Total. VCU, 53-51.

West Virginia* over Ohio State by 9
Ohio* over Buffalo by 5

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Western Michigan* over Toledo by 21
Eastern Michigan* over Ball State by 11
Wichita State over Drake* by 6
Wright State over Detroit* by 3
Mercy, mercy. Detroit was wronged by Wright twice last season but is off to a 12-5 ATS start this season. WRIGHT STATE, 57-54.
Butler over Illinois-Chicago* by 15
Delaware* over Georgia State by 2
George Washington* over Richmond by 1
Illinois State over Southern Illinois* by 1
Bradley* over Evansville by 6
Miami-OH* over Bowling Green by 11
Tulsa* over Rice by 24
New Mexico* over Colorado State by 18
CSU's -5 A/T ratio is a major red flag for the road. NEW MEXICO, 81-63.
Kentucky* over Arkansas by 18
Arkansas has given Texas, Baylor, UAB, and Mississippi State some pretty good battles in defeat but do they have guts for the road? KENTUCKY, 82-64.
UCLA* over Washington State by 5
It will be a hard week of practice for the Bruins after the whipping USC gave them a week ago, and if Ben Howland isn't preparing a box-and-one against WSU's Klay Thompson, then he and his people aren't working hard enough. UCLA, 60-55.
Loyola-Chicago* over Valparaiso by 2
Purdue* over Michigan by 14
George Mason over Towson* by 3
Towson finally meets a foe that won't dominate them on the glass. GEORGE MASON, 64-61.

***BEST BET
Baylor* over Massachusetts by 32
This doesn't figure to go very well for the A-10 visitor. Baylor is a very fine offensive team whose defensive deficiencies show up against elite opponents, which UMass is not. After three straight losses in conference play, UMass will be sandwiched between St. Bonnie's and St. Joe's, in a strange place with a defense that doesn't get turnovers but would need to in order to make some stops. Baylor's guards are more talented and in the paint, 7' Lomers and 6-10 Udoh have it all against so-so UMass forwards. BAYLOR, 92-60.

Wake Forest* over Virginia by 7
Connecticut* over Texas by 3
Kansas State* over Oklahoma State by 5
Southern Miss* over East Carolina by 14
Tennessee over Georgia* by 5
Re-instated suspendees are anticipated for the Vols but they are still probably overvalued for SEC play. TENNESSEE, 72-67.
UTEP over Central Florida* by 3
Florida* over South Carolina by 1
Denver* over South Alabama by 7
Missouri* over Nebraska by 15
UNLV over TCU* by 6
Utah* over Air Force by 14
Dayton over St. Joseph's* by 4
Xavier* over Rhode Island by 8
This is a hump that RIU never seems to be able to jump. XAVIER, 87-79.
Maryland* over North Carolina State by 9
Central Michigan* over Northern Illinois by 10
Marshall* over UAB by 2
Cornell over Coumbia* by 11
Harvard over Dartmouth* by 15
William & Mary* over Old Dominion by 1

**PREFERRED
St. Bonaventure over Duquesne* by 3
Youth and lack of depth make Duquesne a shaky favorite. Their 60% free-throw shooting and very poor 25% 3-point shooting means they need to play better defense than they are capable of doing when three players are getting 79% to 87% of the maximum minutes possible. ST. BONAVENTURE, 67-64.

Florida Atlantic* over Arkansas State by 3
New Orleans* over UL-Monroe by 4
Arkansas-LR over Florida International* by 5
San Francisco* over Santa Clara by 10
Gonzaga* over Loyola-Marymount by 14
Oregon over Stanford* by 3

**PREFERRED
Texas Tech* over Oklahoma by 16
Oklahoma, unmasked and exposed from successful, back-to-back home muggings while Tech opened conference play 0-3 but had Iowa State here a couple of days ago. Don't take a lousy-shooting team with no depth and a gimpy-legged guard Crocker on the road against a deeper home team. Texas Tech ain't much, but every ordinary collection of bodies has its moments. TEXAS TECH, 80-64.

NC-Wilmington* over James Madison by 3
Idaho* over Utah State by 1
Northwestern* over Illinois by 1
Memphis* over Houston by 12
Providence* over South Florida by 5
UL-Lafayette* over Troy by 4
Clemson* over Duke by 6
Fake-tough Dukies are already fighitng among themselves trying to avoid being put on Anthony Booker, who figures to eat two of 'em, one for dinner and the other for dessert. CLEMSON, 80-74.
Arizona State* over Arizona by 11
Portland* over Pepperdine by 20
Fresno State* over Nevada by 1
Pacific* over Cal-Davis by 7
The Davis boys have Mark Payne back and they also have nine days to prepare for their invasion of the Pacific, whereas the home boys have only one day to get ready after attempting to brush off the Fullertons on Thursday. PACIFIC, 74-67.

***BEST BET
San Diego State* over BYU by 8
The Aztecs don't run around without a purpose as much as they once did under Steve Fisher. They have some low-post anchors to do the dirty work and won't be outquicked in most of the match-ups. Top 3 scorers for SDSU are fowards, in position to be hooping and harming while making the game more deliberate than the visitors would prefer. They can also clog the paint and take away Fredette's dribble-driving that sparks BYU's offense. SAN DIEGO STATE, 74-66.

CS Northridge over Cal Poly-SLO* by 3
Cal-Santa Barbara* over CS Fullerton by 7
San Jose State* over New Mexico State by 11
One of the few times of the year to consider San Jose is when the other team is hung over from having played at Hawaii the other night. It's way too soon for NMS to come back as a trustworthy team. SAN JOSE STATE, 80-69.
Washington over USC* by 5
"I became, out of necessity, a guy that believes in man-to-man defense," said USC coach O'Neill in the giddiness following last Saturday's pasting of UCLA. Dude, don't do it in this match-up or you'll be sorry! WASHINGTON, 79-74.
Cal-Irvine* over Cal-Riverside by 1
Louisiana Tech over Hawaii* by 7

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Sunday, January 24

**PREFERRED
Georgia Tech over Florida State* by 6
Tech's point guard Shumpert didn't play in his team's 66-59 home loss to the Seminoles on December 20, in an arena where the crowd needed titanium umbrellas to protect themselves from falling bricks. With Shumpert back, one of our least favorite coaches can order more pressure than before against an FSU team that doesn't handle it well. GEORGIA TECH, 71-65.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisville* over Cincinnati by 9

Slick Mick Cronin meets mentor Little Ricky, who we normally don't mess against in January. The Bearcats don't have anyone who can really "go off," as they say, and with only 28.4% three-point shooting, they may have to rely too much on Stephenson and Gates. LOUISVILLE, 69-60.

Pittsburgh over Seton Hall* by 3

Don't trust the Pirates against the best of the Big East or you'll be saying 'Arrgh!' a lot. PITTSBURGH, 71-68.

Cleveland State* over Wisconsin-Milwaukee by 2
Wisconsin-GB over Youngstown State* by 7
Northern Iowa over Indiana State* by 10

Quick re-hook from last Saturday's floor-wiping by NIU, against an Indiana State team that was and still might be missing its leading scorer Dwayne Lathan after point guard Kelly was already lost for the season. NORTHEN IOWA, 69-59.

Wisconsin* over Penn State by 10

Badgers' 6-10, 225 Jon Leuer should still be out with a broken wrist but he only scored 7 points in Wisconsin's 63-46 win at offensively challenged Penn State. WISCONSIN, 59-49.

****PREFERRED**

East Carolina over Tulane* by 8

Last week, the visiting Pirates suspended 6-8, 250 Darrius Morrow indefinitely. Removing one big stiff, even though he is second leading scorer and top rebounder, can free up some other guys to start having more fun. Tulane's own injury issues are flying under the radar and after a pair of 10 mpg scrubeenies stepped up to nail three-pointers early in the injury phase, the Green Wave figure to be overvalued. EAST CAROLINA, 72-64.

Creighton* over Missouri State by 1

You normally do not associate Creighton with a 4-10 ATS record. CREIGHTON, 69-68.

Indiana* over Iowa by 4

The Hoosiers have spent a great deal of their time up Maurice Creek without a paddle since their leading scorer (16 ppg) began his injury absence. Scoring over the first four gamaes without him dropped like a ton of, well, bricks. Iowa coach Lickliter is armed with excuses for his sorry-lookin' 3-10-1 ATS team. INDIANA, 53-49.

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Monday, January 25

Syracuse* over Georgetown by 12

Zone denies G-Town's Monroe the ball, Orange bigs get him into foul trouble, and then it's all uphill for the visitor. SYRACUSE, 79-67.

St. Joseph's over Penn* by 12

After the non-conference game against Towson last Monday, Martelli must be hoping for Magic Mondays against patsies to help make up for being pasted in conference games. ST. JOSEPH'S, 61-49.

Southern Illinois* over Western Kentucky by 5

WKU won't be too pumped to play an SIU team that has zero shot for an at-large NCAA berth. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, 64-59.

Kansas* over Missouri by 15

Going against teams that make 50% of their field goal attempts is not the way to make a profit. KANSAS, 85-70.

Idaho* over Boise State by 10

Boise entered the week with six straight losses, all in the WAC, and a bunch of different excuses for what might be wrong, none of them injury-related. IDAHO, 74-64.

Tuesday, January 26

Michigan State over Michigan* by 2
Maryland* over Miami-FL by 7
Kent State over Toledo* by 8

Toledo is pretty horrible, but since Kent's bench is strong, the coach can play it for more minutes than usual and treat it like a depth-building exhibition at the chalk-players' expense. KENT STATE, 58-50.

Miami-OH over Ball State* by 8
Clemson over Boston College* by 3
Dayton* over Rhode Island by 5

RIU's pressure shouldn't faze a good ball-handling Dayton bunch. DAYTON, 75-70.

Baylor* over Kansas State by 7
UAB* over Tulsa by 3
West Virginia over DePaul* by 18
Marquette* over Rutgers by 20
North Carolina State* over North Carolina by 2

Zeller's injury absence makes life tougher for UNC. Earth to Tar Heels: 'ha-ha. ha-ha-ha. ha-ha-ha-ha-ha.' NC STATE, 72-70.

Kentucky over South Carolina* by 3
Minnesota* over Northwestern by 17
UNLV* over Air Force by 20

Wednesday, January 27

Illinois over Penn State* by 1
Villanova* over Notre Dame by 12
Connecticut over Providence* by 6

William & Mary over James Madison* by 7

George Washington* over Saint Louis by 11

New-guy alert for Saint Louis -- 6-8, 240 Aussie who can score and rebound. However, on the road against defensive pressure is a bad spot for such a player. GEORGE WASHINGTON, 71-60.

Hofstra* over NC-Wilmington by 8

The home team will do everything in its power -- turn it over, miss free throws -- to keep Wilmington in the ballgame. HOFSTRA, 65-57.

George Mason* over Delaware by 14
Northeastern* over Drexel by 16

Drexel will be lucky to get out of the 30s. NORTHEASTERN, 55-39.

Wichita State* over Illinois State by 5
Eastern Michigan* over Bowling Green by 1
Akron over Western Michigan* by 4
Temple over NC Charlotte* by 3
St. Joseph's* over Massachusetts by 3
LaSalle over Fordham* by 12
Tennessee* over Vanderbilt by 9

'Please don't become overly physical with us when we have the ball and please don't stand in our way when we have it,' pleads the visitors from Vandy. TENNESSEE, 79-70.

Florida* over Georgia by 10
Oklahoma State* over Texas A&M by 6
VCU* over Towson by 28

The home team is taller, faster, better, can make a lot of steals against shaky Towson ball-handling and can pretty much name the score. VCU, 81-53.

Ohio over Northern Illinois* by 6
Bradley* over Creighton by 3
Missouri State* over Evansville by 14
Northern Iowa* over Drake by 21
Memphis over Marshall* by 3
Colorado State* over TCU by 5
SMU* over Central Florida by 4
Alabama* over LSU by 14

Tide rolled these kids in Baton Rouge already and LSU still needs a road map to find the hoop. ALABAMA, 69-55.

Ohio State over Iowa* by 7
Duke* over Florida State by 16

Florida State's size is quite good, and they can toss some elbows in Duke faces which would be nice, but in between all that are FSU turnovers against Duke pressure. DUKE, 74-58.

New Mexico* over BYU by 1
Colorado* over Nebraska by 1

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The Mechanics: Take a look at AIR FORCE, the first team listed...the average score of all their games is 55-65, meaning they average 55 points per game, while yielding 65. Overall they are 6-4 vs. the spread. The numbers to the right of this spread record give you a further breakdown...They are 0-1 in Conference Home Games and 1-1 in Conference Road Games. They are 1-2 in Non-Conf home games, 3-0 in Non-Conf road games and 1-0 in Neutral Site games.

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AIR FORCE	M-W	55-65	6-4	0-1	1-2	1-1	3-0	1-0
AKRON	MAC-E	71-64	9-4	1-0	4-3	1-0	2-0	1-1
ALABAMA	SEC-W	68-64	7-7	0-0	3-5	1-1	1-0	2-1
ARIZONA	P-10	71-71	9-8	1-1	3-3	3-1	0-2	2-1
ARIZONA ST	P-10	67-57	7-8	2-0	2-4	2-2	0-1	1-1
ARKANSAS	SEC-W	68-75	5-5	1-0	3-3	1-0	0-1	0-1
ARK LR	SUN-W	64-73	4-11	1-1	1-3	0-3	2-4	0-0
ARK ST	SUN-W	67-68	9-4	2-0	2-3	2-0	3-1	0-0
AUBURN	SEC-W	70-74	3-8	0-0	2-5	0-0	1-2	0-1
BALL ST	MAC-W	55-66	3-7	0-1	1-2	0-1	2-3	0-0
BAYLOR	B-12	76-66	7-2	2-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-1
BOISE ST	WAC	72-75	5-12	0-2	1-4	1-3	3-2	0-1
BOSTON COL	ACC	70-72	4-9	0-2	2-4	0-2	2-0	0-1
BOWLNG GR	MAC-E	60-68	5-7	0-1	1-2	0-1	4-3	0-0
BRADLEY	M-V	68-70	7-9	2-1	0-4	2-2	2-1	1-1
BROWN	IVY	66-80	4-3	0-0	0-1	1-0	3-1	0-1
BUFFALO	MAC-E	73-74	5-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-1	0-1
BUTLER	HOR	71-63	7-11	2-3	1-2	1-1	2-3	1-2
BYU	M-W	82-64	10-6	1-1	4-2	1-0	3-2	1-1
CAL-DAVIS	B-W	68-74	8-5	3-0	0-1	1-1	3-2	1-1
CAL-IRVINE	B-W	65-69	6-9	0-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-1
CAL-POLY	B-W	69-77	6-7	0-2	1-1	2-1	3-3	0-0
CAL-RIVER	B-W	58-64	5-8	1-2	2-0	0-2	2-4	0-0
CAL-SB	B-W	64-66	10-5	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-0
CALIFORNIA	P-10	79-73	6-9	1-2	3-3	1-1	1-2	0-1
CENT MICH	MAC-W	58-62	6-4	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-2	0-0
CENTRAL FLA	USA	67-71	6-5	1-1	2-0	0-1	3-3	0-0
CINCINNATI	B-E	67-65	5-8	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-2	2-1
CLEMSON	ACC	76-65	8-6	2-0	4-1	0-2	2-0	0-3
CLEVE ST	HOR	63-70	4-10	0-2	1-1	3-2	0-3	0-2
COLORADO	B-12	75-74	5-8	1-1	2-2	1-0	0-4	1-1
COLORADO ST	M-W	68-66	10-6	1-0	4-2	1-1	2-3	2-0
COLUMBIA	IVY	55-73	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0
CONNECTICUT	B-E	72-66	5-9	2-1	1-6	1-1	0-0	1-1
CORNELL	IVY	74-69	10-3	1-0	1-1	0-0	5-1	3-1
CREIGHTON	M-V	67-69	5-10	1-3	2-0	1-2	1-2	0-3
CS-FULLERTN	B-W	70-71	6-5	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-2
CS-NORTHRDG	B-W	69-75	9-5	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	2-0
DARTMOUTH	IVY	50-73	1-4	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-0
DAYTON	A-10	69-63	8-6	0-1	4-1	1-1	2-1	1-2
DE PAUL	B-E	59-66	5-7	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-1
DELAWARE	COL	65-76	7-6	2-1	0-2	3-1	1-2	1-0
DENVER	SUN-W	65-65	3-12	1-2	2-4	0-2	0-4	0-0
DETROIT	HOR	71-67	10-6	3-1	2-2	3-1	2-1	0-1
DRAKE	M-V	64-69	7-6	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1
DREXEL	COL	61-66	9-9	2-1	1-0	1-3	4-3	1-2
DUKE	ACC	83-60	10-5	2-0	4-3	0-1	1-1	3-0
DUQUESNE	A-10	65-70	3-7	0-2	0-2	1-0	2-1	0-2
E CAROLINA	USA	67-80	6-6	0-2	1-2	2-0	2-1	1-1
EAST MICH	MAC-W	66-70	5-6	1-0	2-1	0-2	2-2	0-1
EVANSVILLE	M-V	64-71	6-8	0-4	3-0	1-2	2-2	0-0
FLORIDA	SEC-E	71-67	6-6	0-1	3-4	0-1	1-0	2-0
FLA ATL	SUN-E	69-73	8-5	1-1	1-1	2-0	4-3	0-0
FLA INT	SUN-E	64-74	9-6	0-2	2-0	1-1	6-2	0-1
FLORIDA ST	ACC	68-65	4-9	0-2	1-3	1-1	0-2	2-1
FORDHAM	A-10	60-77	5-5	1-1	0-1	2-0	2-2	0-1
FRESNO ST	WAC	69-66	9-7	2-1	3-3	1-1	3-2	0-0
GEO MASON	COL	63-62	7-8	2-2	2-1	2-1	0-2	1-2
GEO WASH	A-10	71-70	5-6	0-1	2-2	2-0	1-3	0-0
GEORGETOWN	B-E	69-62	6-5	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1
GEORGIA	SEC-E	66-67	8-7	0-0	6-3	1-0	1-4	0-0
GEORGIA ST	COL	60-63	7-8	1-3	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-2
GA TECH	ACC	74-66	8-4	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1
GONZAGA	W-C	77-71	9-5	0-0	2-3	3-0	2-0	2-2
HARVARD	IVY	76-68	6-2	1-0	2-1	0-0	3-1	0-0
HAWAII	WAC	67-78	2-9	1-1	1-5	0-2	0-1	0-0
HOFSTRA	COL	65-67	8-9	1-2	1-2	4-0	2-2	0-3
HOUSTON	USA	83-77	7-7	1-1	2-3	2-0	1-2	1-1
IDAHO	WAC	72-72	5-7	0-2	2-1	2-1	1-3	0-0
ILLINOIS	B-10	73-67	5-11	1-2	2-5	1-1	1-1	0-2
ILL CHI	HOR	59-67	8-8	1-2	4-0	2-2	1-4	0-0
ILL ST	M-V	71-64	6-8	2-2	0-2	2-0	1-2	1-2
INDIANA	B-10	65-74	4-6	2-0	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-1
INDIANA ST	M-V	64-66	7-8	2-1	0-2	1-3	3-1	1-1
IOWA	B-10	62-68	4-11	2-2	1-5	0-1	1-1	0-2
IOWA ST	B-12	75-69	8-5	1-0	4-3	1-0	1-2	1-0
J MADISON	COL	67-71	5-9	0-4	1-0	2-1	1-2	1-2
KANSAS	B-12	84-65	7-6	1-0	4-2	0-1	1-2	1-1
KANSAS ST	B-12	83-70	9-2	1-0	4-0	1-1	2-0	1-1
KENT	MAC-E	65-67	5-7	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-3	1-1
KENTUCKY	SEC-E	79-64	7-8	0-1	3-5	1-0	2-1	1-1
LA SALLE	A-10	68-72	4-8	0-2	0-1	2-0	1-3	1-2
LA TECH	WAC	77-71	10-4	2-1	2-0	2-0	2-3	2-0
LA-LAF	SUN-W	66-72	3-8	1-1	0-3	0-1	2-3	0-0
LA-MON	SUN-W	66-74	8-6	2-0	3-0	0-2	3-4	0-0
LG BEACH ST	B-W	71-76	8-8	1-2	1-0	0-2	4-3	2-1
LOUISVILLE	B-E	80-73	5-8	1-2	2-3	1-1	0-2	1-0
LOYOLA CHI	HOR	62-66	7-5	1-1	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-0
LOYOLA MYMT	W-C	76-77	7-7	1-1	1-3	0-1	5-2	0-0
LSU	SEC-W	62-67	4-9	0-1	2-4	0-0	2-2	0-2
MARQUETTE	B-E	69-66	6-4	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-1
MARSHALL	USA	76-70	8-3	1-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	0-0
MARYLAND	ACC	77-68	7-6	1-0	1-4	2-0	3-0	0-2
MASS	A-10	68-79	5-7	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-2	0-2
MEMPHIS	USA	73-62	3-9	0-1	2-3	0-2	0-3	1-0
MIAMI FLA	ACC	71-66	6-4	0-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	2-1

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MIAMI OHIO	MAC-E	63-68	8-7	2-0	2-2	0-1	4-3	0-1
MICHIGAN	B-10	66-66	5-7	2-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2
MICHIGAN ST	B-10	77-64	7-8	2-1	2-3	2-0	0-3	1-1
MID TEN ST	SUN-E	62-65	4-7	0-2	1-0	0-0	3-5	0-0
MINNESOTA	B-10	76-64	8-6	1-1	5-0	1-2	0-1	1-2
MISS ST	SEC-W	75-64	8-5	0-1	2-2	1-0	3-1	2-1
MISSISSIPPI	SEC-W	81-72	8-5	0-1	3-2	0-0	3-1	2-1
MISSOURI	B-12	82-69	7-5	1-0	3-2	1-1	1-1	1-1
MISSOURI ST	M-V	72-65	10-7	1-2	5-1	1-3	3-1	0-0
NC CHAR	A-10	71-75	5-6	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-3	3-0
NC STATE	ACC	70-65	10-6	1-1	2-4	2-0	4-0	1-1
NC WILMING	COL	63-69	7-8	1-2	0-2	1-3	2-1	3-0
NEBRASKA	B-12	63-67	4-6	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-1
NEVADA	WAC	81-77	8-7	1-2	3-1	1-1	1-3	2-0
NEW MEX ST	WAC	73-81	6-7	2-1	0-2	2-0	2-4	0-0
NEW MEXICO	M-W	78-68	10-7	1-1	6-3	0-2	3-1	0-0
NEW ORLEANS	SUN-W	58-67	8-5	1-0	2-1	1-1	4-1	0-2
NO CAROLINA	ACC	81-73	6-8	1-1	3-5	0-1	1-1	1-0
NO ILL	MAC-W	62-68	7-5	2-0	2-2	1-0	2-3	0-0
NO IOWA	M-V	66-56	12-4	3-1	3-1	3-0	2-0	1-2
NO TEXAS	SUN-W	71-73	8-4	2-1	0-1	2-1	4-1	0-0
NOEASTERN	COL	66-61	10-7	3-1	0-3	2-1	3-0	2-2
NOWESTERN	B-10	68-66	8-4	1-2	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-0
NOTRE DAME	B-E	76-71	7-5	2-0	3-2	1-2	0-0	1-1
OHIO ST	B-10	73-63	9-5	2-0	5-0	1-3	0-1	1-1
OHIO U	MAC-E	69-67	5-7	0-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-0
OKLA ST	B-12	70-64	6-5	1-0	2-1	0-2	1-2	2-0
OKLAHOMA	B-12	72-73	6-8	2-0	2-3	0-1	1-2	1-2
OLD DOM	COL	65-59	6-9	2-2	1-2	2-1	0-2	1-2
OREGON	P-10	74-75	4-9	0-3	2-4	2-0	0-2	0-0
OREGON ST	P-10	63-63	9-3	1-1	2-1	3-0	3-1	0-0
PACIFIC	B-W	63-60	7-10	1-1	4-2	1-1	1-6	0-0
PENN	IVY	59-83	1-6	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-4	0-0
PENN ST	B-10	62-62	5-9	0-2	1-3	2-1	2-0	0-3
PEPPERDINE	W-C	68-74	5-10	2-1	2-5	0-0	1-4	0-0
PITTSBURGH	B-E	70-63	9-5	2-0	2-3	3-0	1-1	1-1
PORTLAND	W-C	70-70	8-6	0-1	3-1	2-0	1-3	2-1
PRINCETON	IVY	62-62	5-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-3	0-0
PROVIDENCE	B-E	81-79	6-7	1-1	0-4	2-1	3-1	0-0
PURDUE	B-10	75-62	8-7	1-1	4-3	0-3	1-0	2-0
RHODE ISL	A-10	79-71	8-5	1-1	1-3	1-0	5-1	0-0
RICE	USA	64-68	5-10	1-1	3-4	0-2	1-3	0-0
RICHMOND	A-10	67-64	8-7	0-2	3-1	1-1	2-3	2-0
RUTGERS	B-E	66-70	5-8	0-2	3-2	0-3	1-0	1-1
SAN DIEGO	W-C	62-68	7-10	0-2	2-3	1-1	2-2	2-2
SD ST	M-W	70-63	8-8	1-1	3-2	0-2	4-3	0-0
SAN FRAN	W-C	66-76	6-10	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-5	1-1
SAN JOSE ST	WAC	71-75	7-6	2-0	2-1	0-2	3-3	0-0
SANTA CLARA	W-C	63-72	6-10	1-1	3-5	1-1	1-3	0-0
SETON HALL	B-E	76-77	3-7	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-1
SMU	USA	59-66	2-7	1-1	0-3	1-0	0-0	0-3
SO ALABAMA	SUN-E	69-69	6-10	1-1	0-7	2-0	3-2	0-0
SO CAROLINA	SEC-E	74-70	6-8	0-1	5-2	0-0	1-3	0-2
SO FLORIDA	B-E	67-63	10-6	2-1	3-2	0-2	2-0	3-1
SO ILLINOIS	M-V	70-67	7-7	1-2	1-1	3-1	2-2	0-1
SO MISS	USA	65-65	8-3	1-0	2-1	1-1	4-1	0-0
ST BONVTURE	A-10	70-73	8-5	0-2	1-1	1-0	2-2	4-0
ST JOE'S	A-10	70-80	4-10	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-4	0-2
ST JOHN'S	B-E	67-65	8-5	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-0	1-1
ST LOUIS	A-10	61-60	5-6	1-0	3-2	1-0	0-2	0-2
ST MARY'S	W-C	80-70	11-5	0-2	5-1	1-1	4-0	1-1
STANFORD	P-10	70-72	6-9	1-1	2-3	1-2	0-3	2-0
SYRACUSE	B-E	83-67	11-3	1-1	4-2	3-0	3-0	0-0
TCU	M-W	67-70	4-12	0-2	1-5	1-1	2-3	0-1
TEMPLE	A-10	65-56	11-7	1-1	3-4	1-0	5-2	1-0
TENNESSEE	SEC-E	76-64	7-6	0-0	5-3	0-0	1-1	1-2
TEXAS	B-12	86-67	8-5	0-2	5-1	0-1	1-1	2-0
TEXAS A&M	B-12	70-66	8-5	1-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0
TEXAS TECH	B-12	79-80	6-5	0-1	4-1	0-2	2-1	0-0
TOLEDO	MAC-W	56-72	4-9	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-3	1-2
TOWSON ST	COL	67-73	6-6	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-0	0-0
TROY ST	SUN-E	73-76	5-10	0-0	1-3	1-2	2-4	1-1
TULANE	USA	63-68	8-5	1-1	2-2	2-0	1-1	2-1
TULSA	USA	77-68	7-7	1-1	4-3	2-0	0-1	0-2
UAB	USA	68-60	8-7	0-1	4-1	1-1	2-3	1-1
UCLA	P-10	66-71	7-8	1-2	4-2	1-1	0-1	1-2
UNLV	M-W	74-67	11-5	1-1	4-2	2-0	3-1	1-1
USC	P-10	59-55	10-6	1-1	3-3	3-0	1-1	2-1
UTAH	M-W	67-69	6-8	1-0	2-4	1-1	1-2	1-1
UTAH ST	WAC	72-64	9-6	2-0	3-3	1-2	3-1	0-0
UTEP	USA	72-68	3-8	0-2	1-3	0-1	2-2	0-0
VALPARAISO	HOR	69-75	9-6	2-2	1-0	3-0	2-3	1-1
VANDERBILT	SEC-E	77-66	10-5	1-0	4-3	1-0	3-1	1-1
VILLANOVA	B-E	85-71	11-4	1-1	4-0	2-0	1-2	3-1
VIRGINIA	ACC	69-63	7-3	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1
VA COM	COL	77-70	6-8	1-2	3-2	2-2	0-2	0-0
VA TECH	ACC	70-65	6-5	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-2
WAKE FOREST	ACC	77-69	6-6	0-2	2-2	1-0	3-2	0-0
WASHINGTON	P-10	81-71	5-12	2-2	3-6	0-2	0-1	0-1
WASH ST	P-10	76-72	6-10	0-4	2-3	1-1	2-1	1-1
WEST KY	SUN-E	69-69	6-9	1-1	3-3	1-0	1-4	0-1
WEST MICH	MAC-W	68-67	6-6	2-0	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-1
WEST VA	B-E	75-64	6-9	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-2	2-2
WICHITA ST	M-V	70-63	8-4	3-0	1-1	2-2	1-0	1-1
WISC GB	HOR	71-71	6-8	3-2	1-2	1-2	1-0	0-2
WISC MILW	HOR	67-68	9-6	2-3	1-0	1-1	2-1	3-1
WISCONSIN	B-10	69-59	9-6	2-0	4-1	2-2	0-1	1-2
WM & MARY	COL	73-69	9-4	1-3	1-0	2-1	5-0	0-0
WRIGHT ST	HOR	66-63	7-10	1-3	2-0	1-3	2-3	1-1
WYOMING	M-W	73-75	8-4	2-1	3-2	1-0	2-1	0-0
XAVIER	A-10	77-69	10-6	1-1	5-1	2-0	1-2	1-2
YALE	IVY	69-78	4-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1
YOUNGSTN ST	HOR	63-73	6-6	2-1	0-1	2-3	2-1	0-0

BASKETBALL POWER RATINGS

Explanation: Below is a list of all major college teams. They are ranked according to strength of their personnel (P), their coaching (C), rated 1 to 5 points, as well as their homecourt edge (H), ranging from 3 to 7 points. Add all three to get the power rating for the home team. Add the personnel plus the coaching rating to get the power rating for the visitors.

Adjustments: If the home team is favored, reduce their homecourt advantage by 1 point if the matchup is either an in-state rivalry or a conference game (see example 2). The final "line" you calculate is the predicted outcome!

Example 1: Florida (79+5=84) at Arizona (77+3=81). The Gators are rated as a three point favorite against Arizona, but Arizona's' homecourt (H) advantage of 4 makes Florida a one point underdog. If the game was played at Florida (homecourt edge of 5), then the Gators would be favored by 8 points.

Example 2: Arkansas (72+4=76) at Georgia (72+3=75). The Bulldogs are ranked as 1 point underdogs vs. Arkansas, but their homecourt (H) advantage of 4 rates them as a 3 point favorite vs. Arkansas. (In conference games, reduce all margins by one point).

	P	C	H
Air Force	64	4	6
Akron	76	4	4
Alabama	76	5	4
Arizona	77	4	4
Arizona St.	83	5	5
Ark-Little Rock	63	4	4
Arkansas	72	4	5
Arkansas St.	68	2	4
Auburn	73	4	4
Ball St.	61	3	3
Baylor	83	4	4
Boise St.	64	3	5
Boston College	75	4	4
Bowling Green	67	2	4
Bradley	72	3	5
Brown	60	3	3
Buffalo	72	4	5
Butler	82	5	5
Byu	87	4	5
CS-Fullerton	65	4	4
CS-Northridge	64	3	5
Cal Davis	62	3	4
Cal Irvine	61	3	3
Cal Poly-SLO	62	4	3
Cal Riverside	62	4	4
Cal Santa Barb	67	5	5
California	81	5	4
Central Florida	68	4	4
Central Mich	66	4	4
Cincinnati	77	5	5
Clemson	84	2	5
Cleveland St.	71	4	4
Colorado	71	4	4
Colorado St.	67	4	5
Columbia	62	3	3
Connecticut	82	5	5
Cornell	75	4	5
Creighton	72	5	5
Dartmouth	56	3	3
Dayton	77	4	5
Delaware	62	4	4
Denver	65	4	5
Depaul	65	4	4
Detroit	72	4	4
Drake	66	4	4
Drexel	67	4	5
Duke	93	4	6
Duquesne	71	4	4
E Carolina	63	4	4
Eastern Mich	63	3	4

	P	C	H
Evansville	64	4	4
Florida	79	5	5
Florida Atl	66	4	4
Florida Intl	59	1	3
Florida St.	81	4	4
Fordham	57	4	2
Fresno St.	69	4	5
George Mason	70	5	5
George Wash	71	4	4
Georgetown	82	5	5
Georgia	72	3	4
Georgia St.	64	5	4
Georgia Tech	81	3	4
Gonzaga	83	5	5
Harvard	75	3	4
Hawaii	62	3	6
Hofstra	70	2	4
Houston	78	2	4
Idaho	67	4	4
Illinois	79	4	5
Illinois St.	75	4	5
Illinois-Chi	63	4	4
Indiana	68	4	4
Indiana St.	68	4	4
Iowa	70	4	4
Iowa St.	76	4	4
James Madison	66	4	4
Kansas	91	5	5
Kansas St.	83	4	5
Kent St.	73	4	4
Kentucky	86	4	5
LSU	71	4	4
Lasalle	72	4	4
Long Beach St.	67	4	4
Louisiana Tech	78	4	5
Louisville	84	5	4
Loyola Marymt	64	4	4
Loyola-Chi	66	4	4
Marquette	83	4	5
Marshall	79	4	4
Maryland	81	5	5
Massachusetts	68	4	4
Memphis	83	4	5
Miami-FL	78	4	5
Miami-OH	72	5	4
Michigan	78	5	5
Michigan St.	87	5	5
Middle Tenn St.	65	3	4
Minnesota	83	5	4
Mississippi	81	4	5

	P	C	H
Mississippi St.	82	2	5
Missouri	87	4	6
Missouri St.	72	4	4
NC Charlotte	74	4	5
NC Wilmington	64	3	4
Nebraska	75	5	4
Nevada	76	4	4
New Mexico	79	4	5
New Mexico St.	68	3	5
New Orleans	58	4	4
North Car St.	77	4	4
North Carolina	82	5	5
North Texas	65	4	4
Northeastern	74	4	5
Northern Ill	65	2	4
Northern Iowa	81	4	4
Northwestern	76	4	4
Notre Dame	77	4	4
Ohio	71	4	4
Ohio St.	84	5	4
Oklahoma	76	5	5
Oklahoma St.	80	5	4
Old Dominion	80	4	4
Oregon	70	3	5
Oregon St.	69	4	5
Pacific	70	5	5
Penn St.	76	4	4
Pennsylvania	57	3	3
Pepperdine	61	3	3
Pittsburgh	85	5	5
Portland	72	4	5
Princeton	67	3	4
Providence	75	4	4
Purdue	85	4	5
Rhode Island	79	5	4
Rice	63	4	4
Richmond	76	4	5
Rutgers	69	4	4
SMU	67	3	4
Saint Louis	70	5	4
San Diego	64	4	4
San Diego St.	75	4	4
San Francisco	64	3	4
San Jose St.	64	4	4
Santa Clara	60	4	4
Seton Hall	79	4	4
South Alabama	67	4	4
South Carolina	76	4	4
South Florida	72	4	4
Southern Illinois	70	4	5

	P	C	H
Southern Miss	68	4	4
St. Bonaventure	69	4	4
St. John's	72	4	3
St. Joseph's	66	5	5
St. Mary's	79	4	5
Stanford	72	2	4
Syracuse	89	5	5
TCU	68	4	4
Temple	81	4	4
Tennessee	85	5	5
Texas	87	4	5
Texas A&M	80	4	5
Texas Tech	74	3	5
Toledo	57	4	4
Towson St.	64	3	4
Troy	68	4	5
Tulane	69	4	4
Tulsa	79	4	4
UAB	78	2	4
UCLA	70	5	5
UL-Lafayette	63	4	4
UL-Monroe	61	3	4
UNLV	79	5	5
USC	80	4	5
UTEP	77	3	5
Utah	73	3	5
Utah St.	79	5	5
VCU	78	4	5
Valparaiso	68	4	5
Vanderbilt	84	4	5
Villanova	87	4	5
Virginia	78	4	4
Virginia Tech	81	5	4
Wake Forest	81	4	4
Washington	80	3	4
Washington St.	76	4	5
West Virginia	86	5	5
Western Ky	74	4	5
Western Mich	67	4	4
Wichita St.	78	4	4
William & Mary	74	4	4
Wisconsin	86	5	5
Wisconsin-GB	70	4	4
Wisconsin-Mil	70	3	4
Wright St.	76	5	5
Wyoming	68	4	5
Xavier	83	4	4
Yale	62	4	4
Youngstown St.	64	4	4

EXPLANATION: The NBA teams are ranked from 100 downwards. Their homecourt edge is either 2, 3, 4, or 5 points.

"INTANGIBLE" ADJUSTMENT: If the home team is favored in a national TV contest, reduce their homecourt advantage to only 2 points.

NBA

	PR	HC
Atlanta	94	4
Boston	95	3
Charlotte	88	4
Chicago	86	3
Cleveland	96	3
Dallas	93	2
Denver	93	4
Detroit	85	3
Golden St	85	3
Houston	92	4
Indiana	86	3
LA Clippers	85	2
LA Lakers	97	3
Memphis	90	4
Miami	88	2
Milwaukee	85	3
Minnesota	82	2
New Jersey	76	1
New Orleans	88	5
New York	86	3
Oklahoma City	90	3
Orlando	93	4
Philadelphia	85	2
Phoenix	93	4
Portland	89	4
Sacramento	85	4
San Antonio	93	4
Toronto	88	3
Utah	90	4
Washington	85	2